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Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (L_132_2377-3)
<p>Informing a parent about the risks and benefits of immunization <i>(R.C. 3701.1310 and 3701.1311)</i></p>	<p>Requires a practitioner to inform a parent or guardian of the risks and benefits of immunization if the parent or guardian declines the immunization for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>
<p>Documenting immunizations and exceptions</p>	<p>Requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to develop an immunization form that must be used, beginning in 2019, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) By a health care practitioner to sign and document a child's immunization history; (2) By a parent or guardian to sign and indicate that immunization was declined for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions; (3) By a parent or guardian to demonstrate to a school or child care provider that a child has been immunized or is 	<p>Maintains the requirement that ODH develop the form, but provides that it must be used beginning in 2020. In lieu of using the form, permits a parent or guardian to provide a letter from a health care practitioner indicating that the practitioner discussed immunization with the parent or guardian and that the parent or guardian declined immunization. <i>(R.C. 3313.671, 3701.1310, 3701.1311, and 5104.014)</i></p>

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	<p>subject to an exception. (R.C. 3313.671, 3701.1310, 3701.1311, and 5104.014)</p> <p>Permits the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in school to use "other documentation of immunization," rather than the form, to indicate to the school that the child has been immunized or is subject to an exception. ("Other documentation" includes public health records, immunization provider records, or school immunization records.) (R.C. 3313.671)</p>	<p>Same, but also authorizes the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in child care to submit "other documentation" in lieu of the ODH-developed form. (R.C. 3701.1311)</p>
<p>Providing an immunization form by fax or other electronic means (R.C. 3701.1310 and 3701.1311)</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Specifies that an immunization form may be provided to a practitioner for the practitioner's signature by fax, email, or other electronic means.</p>
<p>Charging a separate fee (R.C. 3701.1310 and 3701.1311)</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Prohibits a separate fee for completing and signing an immunization form if the practitioner has seen the child and discussed immunizations with the child's parent or guardian in the immediately preceding 12 months.</p>
<p>Maintaining immunization records for preschoolers and reporting summaries of those records (R.C. 3301.53)</p>	<p>Requires each school district, county board of developmental disabilities, and eligible nonpublic school (private school) operating a preschool program to do both of the following:</p> <p>(1) Maintain an immunization record for each child participating in the program;</p> <p>(2) Report a summary of those immunization records to ODH.</p>	<p>Same but specifies that those requirements do not apply to preschools operated by private schools.</p>

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<p>Publishing school immunization rates (R.C. 3313.67)</p>	<p>Requires ODH to annually publish on its website, by school and school district, the percentage of children immunized against each disease and the percentage not immunized. Of the percentage not immunized, requires the information to be organized by exception type.</p> <p>Prohibits ODH from publishing any information that could be used to identify a pupil.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Instead requires ODH to publish this information only in the aggregate by school district and not by individual school.</p> <p>Same, but also prohibits ODH from publishing any information that could be used to identify a school or preschool program.</p> <p>Prohibits ODH from publishing information, if any, reported to it by a private school or a preschool program operated by a private school.</p> <p>Clarifies that private schools are not required to keep immunization records or to report a summary of those records to ODH.</p>
<p>Transferring from out-of-state (R.C. 3313.671)</p>	<p>Permits a pupil who has transferred from another state to remain in school if the pupil's parent or guardian submits proof of immunization within 14 days after enrollment.</p>	<p>Same, but requires proof of immunization within 30 days after enrollment.</p>

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